

Senate Resolution 445

By: Senators Douglas of the 17th and Murphy of the 27th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 5, 2009, as Atlanta Motor Speedway Day at the state capitol; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Motor Speedway, a 1.54 mile quad-oval track, is the premier
4 motorsports facilities in the country; and

5 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Motor Speedway was originally constructed in 1960 and is nestled
6 on 870 acres located just 30 minutes south of Atlanta; and

7 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Motor Speedway hosts two NASCAR Sprint Cup races each year,
8 the two largest single-day sporting events each year in the State of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, the race held at the Atlanta Motor Speedway on Sunday, March 8, 2009, will
10 be the 100th NASCAR race at Atlanta Motor Speedway; and

11 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Motor Speedway is the main contributor to the local sports
12 economy, bringing in more than \$500 million annually, an amount that is greater than the
13 contributions of the Atlanta Braves, Hawks, and Falcons combined; and

14 WHEREAS, during the two NASCAR Sprint Cup weekends, the Atlanta Motor Speedway
15 attracts fans from all 50 states and more than a dozen foreign nations along with more than
16 12 million viewers worldwide; and

17 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Motor Speedway is in use over 300 days each year, hosting
18 corporate events, driving schools, concerts, air shows, dog shows, circuses, and car shows;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the contributions of the Atlanta Motor Speedway to
21 our economy and to our state be recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body designates
23 March 5, 2009, as Atlanta Motor Speedway Day at the state capitol in recognition of the
24 Atlanta Motor Speedway's contributions to this state.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body express their pride and honor
26 in having the Atlanta Motor Speedway in our state and encourage NASCAR to continue all
27 NASCAR races presently being held at the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Bruton Smith, CEO and Chairman of the
30 Board of Atlanta Motor Speedway, and Ed Clark, President and General Manager of the
31 Atlanta Motor Speedway.